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************** July 4th

11:00 am - Hot Dog/Brat Cookout Grand Marais United Methodist Church @ the church 1:00 p.m. - Parade Parade Marshall: Lou Bailey After Parade

Pie Sale - United Methodist Church Water Challenge - BT Fire Department Jewelry Sale - EUPSAR Tie Dye - KIDZ INK Chicken Poop Bingo - KIDZ INK

KIDS GAME - S.A.D.D. (on the Green Space across from the bay) Water Balloon Toss 3-Legged Race

Potato Sack Race Balance on a Spoon Orange Under the Chin And more 4:00 p.m.

Marissa Autumn Concert @the Bay Shore Band Stand

6:00 p.m. Ceremony for the Disposal of Unserviceable Flags Veteran's War Memorial Burt Township Veterans After Flag Ceremony 7:00 p.m.

Cruisin' Back 'n Company Street Dance at the Bayshore Pavilion Dusk

Grand Patriotic Firework Display Grand Marais Style - Over the Bay Compliments of the Grand Marais Chamber of Commerce & Burt Township Board

The 2006 Grand Marais 4th of July Celebration is going to be the bestand the biggest - one yet !!! This years theme is "A Walk In The Park"

PLEASE NOTE!!!

Parade will start at 1:00 p.m. this year.

Lineup will be between 12:00 noon-1:00 p.m.



We had another good seaplane fly-in last week. Altogether there were 24 seaplanes on the beach with two more out at the Burt Township airport. There were another seven pilots that drove in and registered. Some times pilots have their airplanes in the shop for maintenance and can't always fly here.

While the weather was horrible down state, other than windy, it was warm and beautiful in Grand Marais. A good crowd enjoyed the festival including the fish boil. Airplanes and crews came from Utah, Arizona, Nebraska, New York, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ontario, Canada. The oldest pilot was John VanAndel, age 83. The first to arrive was Jay Beard from Bellevue, Nebraska. Jay

is a former B-52 pilot and now flies an airliner for Jet Blue out of New York.

The balloon drop to see who could come the closest to the target, without hitting the judge, Dave Bell, was Jerry Ness from Rapid River with a distance of 15 feet.

The spot landing was won by Fred Rakunas from Eastport, Mi. with a distance of 3 feet. Fred is the former chairman of the Michigan Aeronautics Commission. Last year he was disqualified because he landed in front of the touchdown line. Apparently he did some practicing over the past year. We had a lot of fun teasing him last year, as he is a former F-16 fighter pilot as well as a retired 747 airline captain. Over the past 5 SPLASHIN'S we have not had a pilot come this close. *More Pictures on page 7*.

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By: Marc Oglevie

For the approximately 80 people who went to the Burt Township Board meeting on June 24, at the Community Center, that was the important question.

The Ad Hoc committee gave their presentation to all the citizens who took the time to come, listen and ask questions regarding Burt Township's troubles with the IRS filings. The people were given the results of the committee's findings, along with information on how they came to their conclusions

At the present time the township has made payments to the IRS in the sum of \$94,748.00 since April 17, 2006 in overdue payments along with interest & penalties payments. There are still two quarters to be re-viewed. This amount might further increase. When the IRS is finished, we will have to look into the W-2 and W-3 statements to see if any more money is due. Then there is the question, "Does the township owe any money to the State of Michigan?" This all has to be looked at.

Anger and concern were expressed by some of the people in the audience as demonstrated by the question, Wasn't anyone paying attention?" This was asked several times. Some of the other questions the citizens are concerned with are

- Where is the money that should have been paid to the IRS?
 - Where is the money coming from to pay these bills?
- How did this happen, wasn't anyone on the Board paying attention?
- How are we going to make sure this doesn't happen again?
- Has anyone checked to see if the County Prosecuting Attorney's office should look into this to see if that office should become involved?

These are all important questions and the citizens of Burt Township have the right to know the answers. What is going to have to be done to find all the answers, if they can even be found.

The Township Board members have been given all this information. If you were at the meeting, you saw the eaction of each Board member and their response. This isn't just a Board problem anymore! The citizens of Burt Township need to take an interest in their government and it's decisions. Express your concerns to the members of the board. Tell them what you want them to do.

The Ad Hoc Committee did a great job looking into this and putting their report together. Now it is up to the rest of us to see that something happens. This isn't going to just go away. We all need to get the available information and work towards a solution

Special Meeting of the Burt Township Board June 9, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.

Attendance: Lee Durrwachter, James Seibert, Gordon Kniss, and Kay Wampler / Lois Leavenworth – Absent Public Comment: Evic - Time of meetings 9:00/1:00 not accommodating the people - is there a reason? Gordie agreed we need consistency. Lee indicated "problems" need board approval – inconvenient for everyone – more people at irregular times (Evic noted that these are irregular issues) – Nancy McDonald asked for assurance from the Board that no one person on the Board has sole access to township property/computers – including the website. Lee questioned access to the website – Nancy stated that always 2 people know how to perform various functions. Lee noted that the Clerk and Treasurer have a statutory responsibility to appoint a deputy. George Curtis stated that the committee appreciates comments from anyone (Jim's in writing) and any format. Requested to hold an additional comment section at the end

of the meeting, Ran out of agendas, didn't plan on many people, much discussion over the availability of the ad hoc committees report to be available to the public. Closed at 9:15 Approval of the Agenda: Motion by James Seibert, second by Kay Wampler to approve the agenda with additions. 4

ayes Park Manager's Request on Continued Employment of James Swain – Motion by Seibert, seconded by Gordon

Kins to allow a one time exception of policy to require township employees to have a driver's license for employment for 2006 only -4 ayes.

Park Manager's Request for approval of employment applications – Sheri Shafer reported that she has lost two park employees already and requested approval to hire Kevin Brekké to replace them. Motion by Jim Seibert, seconded by Gordon Kniss to approve Kevin Brekke's hiring temporarily, subject to review of his application – 4 ayes.

Helen Newberry Joy Hospital request use of community center on June 30, 2006 for health screenings from 7:30 a.m. to noon – approved on motion by Jim Seibert, second by Kay Wampler – 4 ayes. Adhoc Committee Report Discussion: Gordon Kniss reported that he feels the committee did an excellent job and

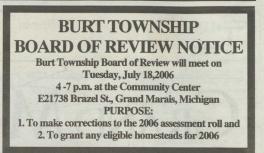
hopes it brings to light concerns. Jim Seibert noted that this situation belongs to the Clerk and expressed his understanding of some comments in the audit report that appear to mean that the problem was resolved. He's not sure that the committees investigation should end here. He also noted that he doesn't recall the auditors Thursday Night meetings. Mike Grentz (auditor) commented on minutes for Thursday night meeting, noted time frame, progression was proven but payments had not been sent - he concluded that the board was making an effort. Mike also noted that when the Board accepts the report and adopts changes no approval of the report is required. Lee Durrwachter stated that he had invited the township attorney to the June 24th meeting and then read his notes into record. "1. Why not request that the Clerk make a checklist of all bills that occur on a regular basis? Doesn't she have a tickler file that reminds her when certain bills are due? 2. If the entire Board is going to be responsible to insure that all bills are paid in a timely manner, then every Board member should have a copy of the Clerk's checklist. 3. Why doesn't the Clerk know where important documents, information, etc. are located? Isn't that part of her job to keep track of Township records? Do the files need to be reorganized? There should be a master list of what is in the files and where things are located. I thought the old Clerk was supposed to stay on to orient the new Clerk and show her where things are. Wasn't that done? 4. It seems a bit odd that the ad hoc committee is concluding that the entire Board is responsible for these various problems, rather than the person responsible - the Clerk. If the Board accepts that premise then every Board member will need to know all the responsibilities of every other Board member and be constantly checking to see that the responsibilities are fulfilled. Does that make sense? If one of the Board members embezzles money then will all the Board members be re sponsible? I think not, but how is that different from what this committee is concluding now? If a Board member em-bezzles under the ad hoc committee's premise then you and everyone else on the Board would be equally liable because you weren't overseeing what was going on. You know that's not how it works. The committee's premise is bunch of hogwash. I would be very careful not to endorse the conclusion that the entire Board was responsible because to do so may set a precedent that will haunt the board in the future. 5. Before the Board endorses the committee's report you might want to talk to the Township attorney to make sure you are not accepting liability." Karen Brzys commented on Responsibility, Nancy McDonald noted the legal responsibilities of the board and if we'd been given information from an attorney – embezzlement is different from incompetence – the Board is responsible to a reasonable degree – this is NOT a MINOR thing, Delphine Wilson asked Jim Seibert about documentation of transfers. Evelyn Morrison asked about how we are going to pay the loans + interest on those loans - the public shouldn't be responsible. Lee commented that the Board needs to decide - he's already filed a claim against errors and omissions insurance and the bonds. The loans are due in February. Evelyn also asked how much that is going to UP our insurance premiums. Mike Bryers questioned the process used to approve the loans. Karl Wilson asked about the IRS Notices and mail handling. He questioned correspondence being withheld from the board. Otto Bufe asked if there was any board action on the loans. It should have been done at a public meeting. The Treasurer and Supervisor arranged and signed the loans. The Clerk noted that she did not have input or documentation on the loans. Lee Durrwachter for a motion from the Board to approve the loans - the Treasurer said we can't add that to the agenda since we don't have a full board. Neal Beaver commented that the Board made a good decision to stop the 15% penalties. Otto Bufe agreed but added that there needs to be board action and discussion on the best way to handle the debt. Mike Bryers asked about the IRS Appeals Board. Lee Durrwachter commented that he is 99.9% sure he can work with the IRS - the biggest problem is that all that need to be done was to call the IRS and stop the penalties. Mike Bryers asked about the collateral on the loans - backed by cash. Sheri Shafer asked the auditor, Mike Grentz - if the prior Clerk can be held responsible. Mike commented that he's not seen it happen in the past.

Auditor's Report and Update: Mike Grentz noted that we do have some problems with the 2005/2006 Fiscal Year. He reported that he doesn't have any more detail now on the Payoll Tax issue. Lee asked how far Mike intends to go with it – 941's would require a couple more hours, W-2's – need to check to make sure they match the 941's if they are okay to send & make sure 2005 matches - should take about 2 more days to square away. Received a bill for \$1333 so far, hourly rate is \$74.00. Lee noted we are expecting a \$205.00 refund the Unemployment Agency (vs. \$6000 reported in April). Mike said he has two years F-65 forms to file with the State and the W2's with the Michigan Annual Reports. As part of the Audit Checklist, Mike needs to obtain 3 policies in accordance with GASB40 requirements: Credit Card policy, Capitalization Policy, and Investment Policy. The Accounts Receivable System is not up to date. Fuel should be billed in Quickbooks, the Water delinquent accounts are questionable. There are many credits applied without bills there are also some that were put on the tax bills and may not be posted to the accounts. Jim commented that he has some old checks in the system. Lee said he has one for the septic system fee. Reimbursement of Expenses – fund to fund transfers are a mess. The Ambulance system was not right since Lori installed an old backup but that has been fixed. The Fuel Fund has no real problems; Woodland Park has a problem with valuing the garage since in-house labor was used to construct it. The Marina is showing a deficit again of about \$7000. The Fuel needs to be billed to ACRC twice a month. Harbor, Medical, Beach Access, Township Improvement, & Tax Collection Funds are okay - Youth Center shows payroll wages were high with no income to cover. Auditor needs to know from where it came? "Per Jim and Lee: Township Improvement Recreation Millage \$5000 and \$6000 from the General Fund." RLF Fund – Auditor is waiting for water well letter/approval for \$130,000 from Water Savings and RLF. The new water well account should be part of the Water Fund – he wants it melded into the water fund as of 3/31/06. These are Preliminary findngs. Audit should be done by the end of the month with a quarterly budget update and amendments/review in July. Federal and State Payroll filings: May was filed with the last payroll, just sent in late fees on state withholdings from 2005 (about \$200), Lee commented that he is suspending the monthly Special Meetings to address th

Budget Review: NONE at this time pending the audit report as noted above. Public comment: Most public comments were allowed during the presentations, Nancy McDonald commented about use of a mail log and written process for all job functions.

Adjournment: Motion by Kay Wampler, second by Gordon Kniss to adjourn at 12:26 p.m. - 4 ayes Respectfully submitted: June 21, 2006, Kay L. Wampler, Clerk

These are the unapproved minutes of the June 9, 2006 special meetings. Included in the body of these are all of the offical actions taken by the Burt Township Board.

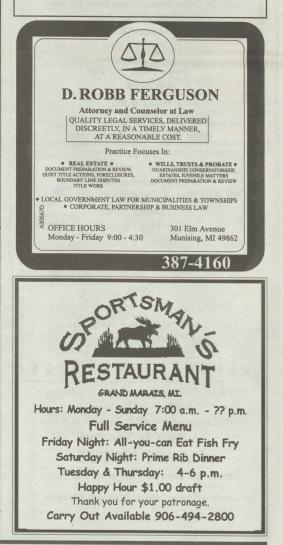


Applications for Land Use Permits Approved by Burt Township for 2006

NAME	ZONE	APPROVED	USE
Matthews, Richard	Bay	06/08/06	Deck
Thomas, Hollis	R-1	05/24/06	House
Hebert, Al	R-1	05/24/06	Fence
Enright, Mike	Bay	05/17/06	Deck
Antaya, John	Bay	06/14/06	House
Bell, Mary	C-1	06/14/06	Driveway
Kline, Paul	R-2	06/21/06	Polebarn

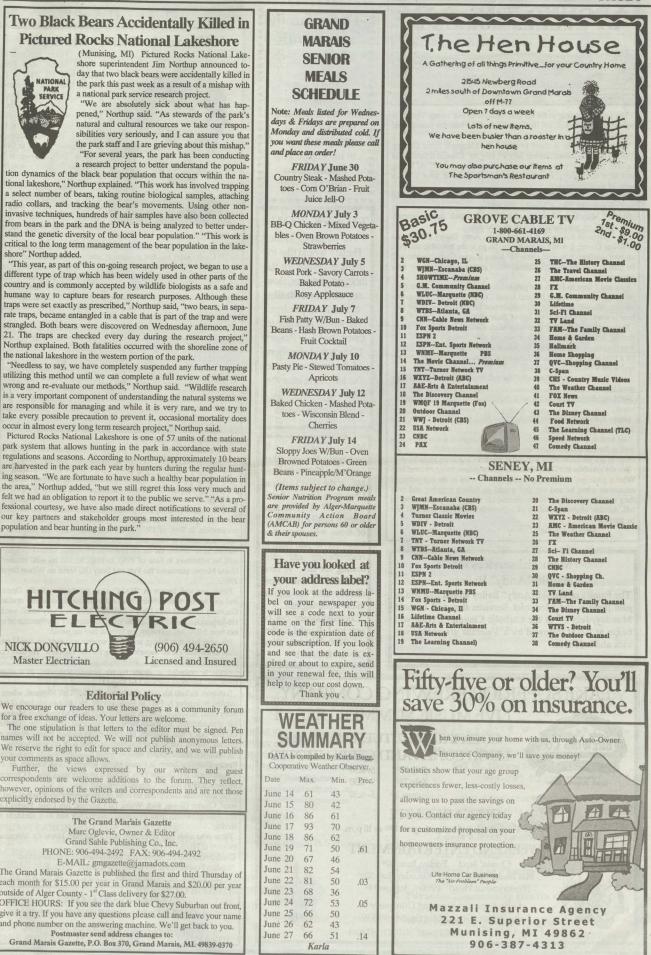
Two prisoners were making their escape over the jailhouse roof when one of them dislodged a tile. "Who's there shouted a guard. The first prisoner replied with a convincing imitation of a cat's meow. Reassured, the guard when back to his rounds But then the second prisoner dislodged another tile. The guard repeated, "Who's there?"

The other cat," answered the prisoner.



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tion dynamics of the black bear population that occurs within the national lakeshore," Northup explained. "This work has involved trapping a select number of bears, taking routine biological samples, attaching radio collars, and tracking the bear's movements. Using other noninvasive techniques, hundreds of hair samples have also been collected from bears in the park and the DNA is being analyzed to better understand the genetic diversity of the local bear population." "This work is critical to the long term management of the bear population in the lakeshore" Northup added.

"This year, as part of this on-going research project, we began to use a different type of trap which has been widely used in other parts of the country and is commonly accepted by wildlife biologists as a safe and humane way to capture bears for research purposes. Although these traps were set exactly as prescribed," Northup said, "two bears, in separate traps, became entangled in a cable that is part of the trap and were strangled. Both bears were discovered on Wednesday afternoon, June 21. The traps are checked every day during the research project," Northup explained. Both fatalities occurred with the shoreline zone of the national lakeshore in the western portion of the park.

"Needless to say, we have completely suspended any further trapping utilizing this method until we can complete a full review of what went wrong and re-evaluate our methods," Northup said. "Wildlife research is a very important component of understanding the natural systems w are responsible for managing and while it is very rare, and we try to take every possible precaution to prevent it, occasional mortality does occur in almost every long term research project," Northup said.

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore is one of 57 units of the national park system that allows hunting in the park in accordance with state regulations and seasons. According to Northup, approximately 10 bears are harvested in the park each year by hunters during the regular hunt ing season. "We are fortunate to have such a healthy bear population in the area," Northup added, "but we still regret this loss very much and felt we had an obligation to report it to the public we serve." "As a professional courtesy, we have also made direct notifications to several of our key partners and stakeholder groups most interested in the bear population and bear hunting in the park."



for a free exchange of ideas. Your letters are welcome.

names will not be accepted. We will not publish anonymous letters. We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity, and we will publish your comments as space allows.

Further, the views expressed by our writers and guest correspondents are welcome additions to the forum. They reflect, however, opinions of the writers and correspondents and are not those explicitly endorsed by the Gazette

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To my family and friends

Thanks so much

for making my 90th

birthday a very

special day.

Every flower, card,

birthday wish and

to my enjoyment.

Thanks Again.

Tudy Tornovish

THANK YOU

The family of Mark

Barney would like to

thank everyone for the

thoughts, prayers, flow-

ers, cards and Masses

after Marks passing.

We would also like to

thank the Holy Rosary

Church and members

of the community for

the luncheon after the

service. It was very

much appreciated.

Memorial services will

be held for J. Rhea

Becker of Grand Marais,

Mi., at the First Lutheran

Church in Grand Marais

on July 1st at 11:00 a.m.

Rhea's family invites all

of those who knew and

loved her, to join them in

remembering and cele-

brating her life. A time

of fellowship will follow

directly after the service in the adjoining hall. Correspondence can be

sent to: J. Randal Becker

at: 9700 Winans, West

Olive, MI 49460.



The town is starting to fill up with summer in full swing. The 4th is right around the corner, and the longest day of the year has passed. Yes, the days are starting to get shorting.

The summer music is about to start at the Campbell Street Gallery Starting out with James Gordon July 9th. July 30th Claudia Schmidt will be here. August 20 look for Michael Stadler and August 27th Al Young will be at the Gallery. Hopefully this time I will be in town to catch some of the performances

Jim Bailey is in town for the month. Friend Cathy has joined him and they are enjoying, hiking, boating, and fishing.

Ray and Mary Gage have the ice cream parlor open for the summer Stop by and get your favorite flavor of ice cream

The equipment has been delivered to the Andy Bailey Fitness and Wellness Center. It won't be long now. So go to the township and pick up your application to join. Once the center is open Chris Lawless will be glad to help anyone get started with a program and learn the new equipment.

John and I went to Ithaca this past weekend along with my Mom Gerrie Bailey and my brother Jim and friend Cathy, for my dad's memorial service. We will be having another service for Dad on the 3rd of July

here in town. So expect to see lots of Baileys! The bear story I told last time with Mark Krempa, well, I have a correction. It wasn't Mark's truck it was his wife Nancy's TRUCK ... It was the only time Nancy had let him drive HER truck that far and he hit a bear and left all the bear slime on it. Hmm will she let him drive it up for the 4th? Only time will tell.

I saw Judy Kaye up with a few of her troll friends. They were having a good time. Felix and Doris Krempa are up for awhile. Nice to have you back in

own. Happy birthday to Harriet Briton, Mase, Jim Lowe, Hawk Dowe, Sara

Scaife, and Chris Cardinal. Get well to Jessica Moore who is recuperating from her surgery. Get

well to Park and Janet Ogden after their stay in the hospital.

Hope to see you around the bay and if you have any news let us know. We say goodbye to Pickle Meldrum. Pickle passed away on June 16th What a great guy. I will miss seeing him drive by in the red pickup. remember when he and my dad would go fishing together and pray they would make it back to the marina! He always had a great story to tell. Another bright star will be picked out in the sky for you. You will be missed.

Keep on smiling ... Evie morriso3@jamadots.com

Memorial services for Harold "Andy" Bailey

The Family of Harold "Andy" Bailey would like you to join them at the Memorial Services that will be held Monday, July 3rd at the Catholic Church. Service will begin at 12:00 followed by a Veterans grave side service and luncheon.



Lake Street, Grand Marais, MI 49839 Call 494-BEER for more information



ould usually end him up in a "pickle".

Harold R. "Pickle" Meldrum, 86, of Grand Marais, died Friday morning June 16, 2006 at D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette where he had been residing for the past 1 1/2 months.

Harold was born on Armistice Day, as it was called then, on No vember 11, 1919 in Anchorville MI. The family moved to Grand Marais in 1927, arriving in his Grandfather Petitpren's new fishing tug.

He attended Burt Township School, graduating in 1938. It was during these years he earned the name of "Pickle" because of the many pranks he would pull that

After graduating, and with the imminent threat of war, he decided to join the US Coast Guard. His first assignment, after boot camp and radio school was to a Coast Guard Cutter, the "Ewing". They were to accompany a convoy to Alaska by way of Central America and through the Panama Canal. He was on duty as the radio man, nearing Nicaragua when he received the urgent coded message that the Japanese had just bombed Pearl Harbor and the U.S. was now at war. With the advent of declared war, the Coast Guard were immediately under the command of the U.S. Navy

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He served on many ships during the period of the war, in both the Pacific and Atlantic. When word was received that the war was over he was sent to an Army Depot in Manilla to wait for a ride home, then he was told he was needed since his replacement was cancelled. Knowing all his Grand Marais buddies were arriving home being greeted by parties, he wasn't too pleased. The final blow was to learn the ship he was assigned to had to tow a huge floating dry dock back to the U.S., which would take a great deal of time due to the slow speed they could make. After 87 days, they finally pulled into port at Norfolk, VA and with his seabag all packed he rushed to catch a train to Detroit, then up to Seney and hitchhiked the final 25 miles to home. His original three year voluntary enlistment had been extended to six years, eight months and 28 days.

He talked his Dad into buying a good sized trolling boat and together they chartered trolling parties. Then came marriage and starting a family. With radio skills, he was sought out to take a job at the newly constructed G.M. Interstate Airways Communication Station. This unit was built with funds provided by the Dept. of Transport Canada and first operated by the Michigan Dept. of Aeronautics Administration. It was completed in August of 1946. In August of 1948, the operation and maintenance of the control station and range station was taken over by the (CAA) Civil Aeronautics Administration. In Sept. of 1959, it was decommissioned and personnel and equipment moved to Marquette for commissioning of a new Flight Service Station. So in October the family moved to Marquette, where Pickle served until his retirement in June of 1980. In 1985, he and his wife returned to Grand Marais, purchased the Pete and Betty Olli home on Wilson Street in 1987

Pickle was well known as "HAM", short for Amateur Radio Operator, and also for his skill in being one of the few morse code key operators. Gradually these old time Ham's dwindled down to a very small number. His large collection of QSL cards, which are cards of confirmation of contact from fellow key operators, are from all over the world.

His other love was fishing and, if the weather was right, he would spend most of his time out on Superior trolling for the "big-ones." He didn't care much about stream fishing, as too many bugs.

Pickle is preceded in death by his parents Raymond & Catherine (Petitpren) Meldrum and son Mel Roger Meldrum.

Survivors include his wife, the former Rosalie "Dell" Senecal, whom he married November 8, 1947 in Hermansville; his children Michael (Linda), Mary (Jeff) Stevenson, Marcia and Melani (Tom) DePetro all of Marquette his grandchildren Melissa, Rebecca, Benjamin, Antoinette, Dominic, Charles, Stacy and Jennifer; his great-grandchildren Ethan, Jessica and Eliahna; in-laws Ted Senecal and Marg McLeod both of Grand Marais.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Grand Marais with Fr. Glenn Theoret, Fr. Paul Karottekunnel and Deacon Don Thoren con-celebrating. Rite of Committal followed at Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery.

The immediate family will serve as escorts with honorary escorts Ted Se-necal, Charles Givens, Rick Wales, Ed Chevillot, Jim Lowe, Harley Lamkin, Alan Tornovish, Tom Petitpren, John Barney and Rick Riekkola also serving.

Those who wish may contribute to D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in memory of Harold "Pickle" Meldrum.

Condolences may be expressed at www.beaulieufuneralhome.com. Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family.

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Lots going on but I want to concentrate on an issue that drives me to rage. That is the treatment of our military personnel when they are accused of a crime. I don't know what if any changes have been made since I was in but it sounds like not much. If that is the case, I assure you that you would not want to be in a "Brig". I have never had the pleasure to reside in one but I have seen first hand what goes on there. If we even suggested that civilian murderers, child abusers, rapist etc. should be treated the way our soldiers and sailors are, we would be accused of supporting cruel and inhuman treatment. In my time, and I think still, brigs were manned by Marines who appeared to have passed a test for sadism and for a fellow Marine they were more sadistic than they were for sailors. There is little if any time for relaxation and sleep time is accidentally interrupted several times a night. The prisoners are assigned to do the filthiest or most physically draining jobs and when eating must shovel the food in and do so in a very short time. This is how we treat our heroes who are accused of wrong doing or sentenced for it while we must coddle political big shots, many of whom are guilty of mass murder, torture, rape etc. Then of course we have the "insanity" plea that often works if you have a competent defense. I am not sugg esting that spending a long time or the rest of your life in a mental institution is a picnic but I guarantee that the prisoners in a brig would think of it as heaven. Too many people in power over our military personnel wring their hands and shred their garments when and if military "atrocities" occur. They occur in every war and that should be taken into consideration when approving a war. Although civilians have a good chance of getting off on technicalities or insanity pleas, the chances for a military person succeeding at either is damn near nonexistent. The civilian and military people in charge of the Armed Forces right up to the Commander-in-Chief/President have preached how much we owe our soldiers and sailors but do not practice their preaching. There are people that can not live in a combat situation and remain in control of their faculties; our fearless leaders are supposed to be testing ALL troops headed for Iraq to see if they are already suffering from mental disorders or are high risk candidates for developing them; the vast majority have not even been interviewed yet alone had any consultation with a psychiatrist, psychologist on counselor trained to detect these disorders. Anyone who has not been in a combat situation has no right condemning troops that commit crimes of war. Thank God there are people demonstrating for the Marines and sailor recently charged with murder. They are living their commitment to the troops and should be the majority, not the minority. I don't condone what they have been accused of and the vast majority of Velerans of combat do not participate in these war crimes. That ought to tell our leaders that it isn't normal to commit these crimes and these young people just may have some mental disorder caused by their combat experience. Just maybe the first thing to do is to check these guys out for mental problems and insure that they get the help that they need. Look back at their behavior prior to combat and you will generally see a well adjusted individual, an individual that would not even think of committing these atrocities. So what happened? They have lived in abnormal conditions and reacted violently to them. Let's treat them at least as well as we treat civilians and consider them innocent until proven guilty. We owe them that much. Write your federal representatives asking them to take steps, create a law if necessary, to change thi unfair system

I probably should be silent concerning the local IRS problem; however I won't. There is no doubt that this is a big time screw-up and I accept responsibility for my failure to detect the problem much earlier. I also applaud the "Committee" for their work and what I believe to be fair presentation to the public. As usual there were people with all the answers that attended the Saturday meeting; I'll guarantee you will never see their name on a ballot. Most people, however were angry, and rightfully so. Some asked good questions, some offered suggestions and others wanted to know the facts. I am glad there were so many people present; maybe the facts will get to the coffee clutches. I hope that this kind of attendance continues but would bet against it; had this been the case in the past it is highly probable that, because of his or her experience, someone would have noticed inconsistencies and nipped it in the bud.

And finally. Grand Marais lost one of its older citizens last week when "Pickle" Meldrum died. I am sure that he will live on through the people who knew him and/or read his Another True Story articles in the Gazette. I will remember Pickle as a guy who could laugh at himself and enjoy others joining in the laugh. I don't have any doubts that most of his stories were true, embellished a little maybe but based on fact. He is the only guy I know of that could take 10,000 or so volts pushing electricity through his body and live to talk about it. He could have really upset the executioner in a jail that used the electric chair. The comment by Father Glen at Pickles funeral Mass said it all. Pickle had told father Glen, "When you celebrate my funeral mass be sure to re-fer to me as "Pickle" because God doesn't know me as Harold".

On Fathers day Jackson and I celebrated our birthdays, 63 for me 3 for Jackson. Hoo, Too and Poo were down for the weekend and of course the boys wanted to go to the "Lility Spit" for ice cream. I told them I was broke and they didn't believe me so they checked my wallet. When they found out I had only a couple dollars, Too told me to go to the bank and cash my check: I told him that the bank was closed With a very disgusted sigh he said Well borrow some money from "Bana", Sherri. Needless to say we did get ice cream. Hm, I wonder if I have paid Bana back? The boys enjoyed the sea planes and the beach while here. One night we went to Agate Beach and Hoo found out he could break some rocks by hitting them with other rocks. That kept him busy for awhile and when he went home he had to take his "cracked rocks" with him. Fourth of July is quickly approaching, in fact that is why this paper is a week early. I don't know who is coming for the holiday; because it is on Tuesday it will be difficult for a lot of people to travel here. It looks as though "Sam Kapoodilypop' has retired. The park's put put has bit the dust and there is no way Sam can do that much walking.

And finally, finally. I hope that on this Fourth of July everyone will remember that it is really "Independence Day" and pay respect to the men and women who gave and are giving their blood sweat and tears for this freedom. As I sit here writing this article I am reminded of the young girl who wrote in an essay: "I may never know the full meaning of freedom because I have never been without it" A couple more of our troops have been killed in the "Other War" and Iraq does not appear to be any safer because of the death of al-Zarqawi. Keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers. Till next issue.

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Hungry Jim



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- please ask me to wait. I live in my own little world!!! But that's okay, cause they know
- me there. Daydreaming is way better than school!
- Education is the progressive relation of our ignorance.
- Insanity: A perfectly normal change to a normal mind.
- The voices in my head are snoring. Me? Psychotic? What gave you that idea?

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- I'm not crazy! It's the rest of you that are freaks!
- You say I'm psycho like it's a bad thing! 10 Insanity in individuals is something rare but in groups, parties, na-11.
- tions, & epochs ... it is the rule !!!
- Only two things are infinite: the universe, & human stupidity.. 12 If nobody is perfect then hi, my name is Nobody.
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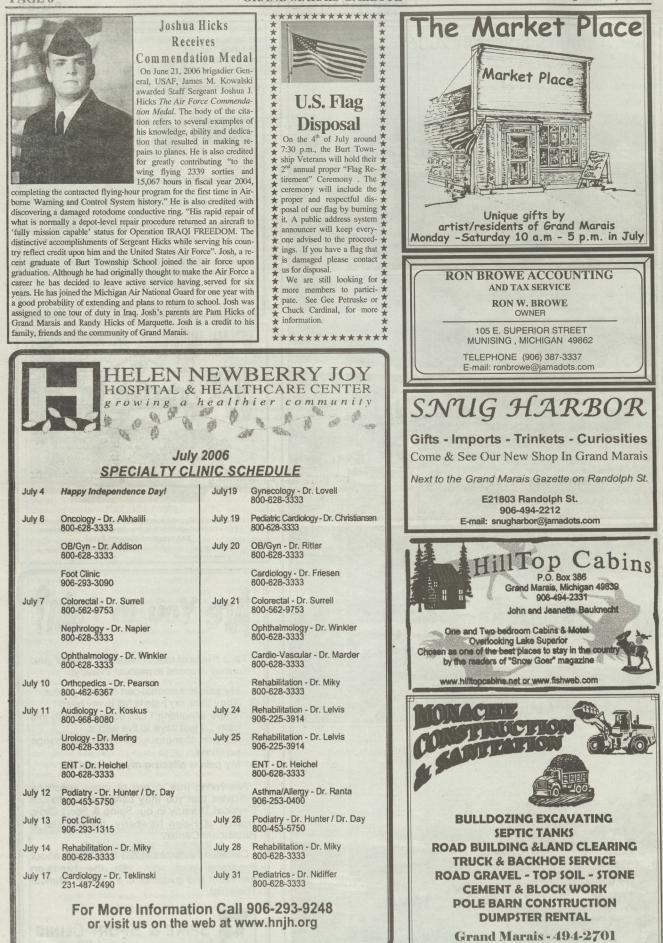
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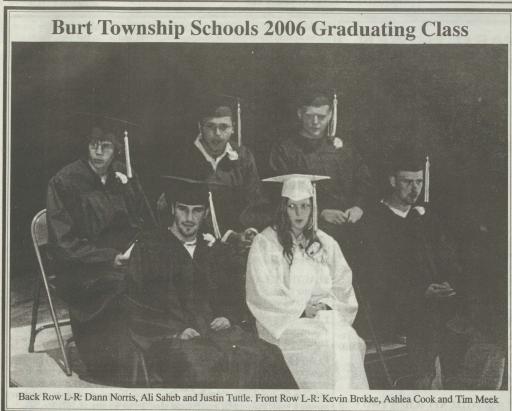




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Michael Coles Desmond was awarded Elementary Student of the Month at the June 5, 2006 Board meeting. Michael is in the fifth grade. His parents are Brian Coles and Megan Desmond of Grand Marais. He enjoys riding his bicycle and playing basketball. His favorite subject is Reading. Michael would like to be a dirt bike racers when he grows up.



Dan Norris was awarded Secondary Student of the Month at the June meeting. He is the son of Carol Norris and Bernie Conlon of Germfask. Dan is a member of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, was on the varsity basketball and soccer teams and a member of the school drama club. His favorite subjects in school were English and History. He is planning to go to Northern Michigan University and to study for a degree in Criminal Justice

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24th Annual Fly-In at the Burt Township Airport - Plane Rides over Scenic Lake Superior & Grand Sable Dunes, Pig Roast at 1:00 p.m.

July 13, 2006 - July 16, 2006 22nd Annual Great Lakes Sea Kayak Symposium

August 5 and 6, 2006 Grand Marais Offshore Challenge Plans are in the works for a fishing derby out of Grand Marais Harbor! See Capt Jim's Forum ~ more info coming very soon!!!

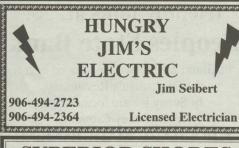
August 11, 2006 - August 13, 2006 25th Annual Music & Arts Festival SILVER ANNIVERSARY

August 26, 2006 6th Annual Memory Walk for Alzheimer's Contact Gee Petruske for more information

Sept. 2, 2006 - Sept. 4, 2006 3rd Annual Grand Marais Triathlon A Weekend of Fitness and Sport on the Bay!

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Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park Announces

Summer Naturalist Programs

Programs focusing on nature and great hikes are on tap for visitors to the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park this summer. The park is located 15 miles west of Ontonagon in Ontonagon County and is the largest state park in Michigan and one of the few remaining large wilderness areas in the Midwest. The park is spread across two time zones -Eastern and Central - and visitors should note all program times are Eastern, unless otherwise noted.

The park offers free naturalist programs through the summer months. While the programs are free, visitors are required to have a 2006 Motor Vehicle Permit. Permits are \$6 for a daily and \$24 for an annual for Michigan residents, and \$8 for a daily and \$29 for an annual for nonresidents.

The summer programs include:

 Sundays: The Less Adventurous Bear Den Hike is a shorter hike that covers less terrain than the bear den hike on Wednesdays. This hike starts at 7 p.m. one mile past the Visitor Center on South Boundary Road.

 Mondays: Michigan Gray Wolf Hike at 6 p.m. Hikers should meet at the Government Peak Trailhead to view an area that could be wolf habitat. The hike is less than 1 mile and takes about one hour. At 9:15 p.m., a hike to Summit Peak, the highest point in the Porcupine Mountains, will begin at the Summit Peak parking lot. This takes about an hour and hikers should bring flashlights.

 Tuesdays: Aquatic Insect Hike at 4:30 p.m. Hikers should bring a pair of water shoes and come explore the underwater world of the Union River Mine site. Nets will be provided. At 7 p.m., there is a 2.5 mile hike to an area of the park that experienced a wildfire in 2000. The guide will explore the cause, fire fighting tactics and life after the fire. Hikers should allow two hours for this hike, which will begin at the Little Carp River Trailhead.

Wednesdays: Hikers can pick from two different hikes today. First, there will be the Little Union River Gorge Adventure at 3 p.m. This rugged off-trail hike will explore the Little Union River Gorge and numerous waterfalls. Hikers should bring hiking boots or shoes that can get wet. The hike is one mile and starts at the Union Springs Trailhead. At 6 p.m., there will be a Bear Den Hike. The hike is short, but over rugged terrain. The hike starts on M-107, one-quarter mile west of the Government Peak Trailhead. At 8:30 p.m., there will be a one-hour multimedia presentation entitled "Giants of the North" at the park's Visitor Center. The presentation will focus on the "big three" of northern Michigan - wolves, moose and black bear.

 Thursdays: The Aquatic Insect Hike will be offered again at 4:30 p. m. At 7 p.m., there will be a hike to the Nonesuch town site, a wilderness copper mining community. The hike is approximately one hour and 15 minutes and starts at Nonesuch Comer.

Fridays: At 2 p.m., there will be a Discovery Hike that starts at the
park's visitor center. The 90 minute hike is just over one mile long and
will explore the wildflowers, plants and animals of the Porkies. At 5 p.m.
Central at the Presque Isle Campground, visitors can make a variety of
Northwoods crafts, such as dream catchers, basswood, bracelets and butterfly crafts.

 Saturdays: At 2 p.m., there will be a Micro-Hike event focusing on the forest from the "bug's eye view." The hike is about one hour. At 7 p. m., the Union Bay Campground will offer Amazing Furs and Bones, a one-hour program focused on the wildlife found in the park.

Starting on Sunday, July 16, there will be one program added to the weekly schedule. An astronomy program at the Lake of the Clouds Overlook will be offered at 10:45 p.m. on Sundays and Tuesdays. Participants will learn how to use a star chart, identify notable northerm constellations and take a look through a telescope.

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult for all programs. Schedule may change and activities may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Additional programs and activities may be added, and visitors should check with the park's Visitor Center, campground offices or park headquarters for more information.





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Visitors to the Eastern Upper Peninsula have a great array of naturalist programs to choose from at Tahquamenon Falls State Park this summer. July programs are offered every day of the week from July 2 through 29 at the park, which is located on M-123 near Paradise in Chippewa County.

The weekly slate of programs in July includes: Sundays: At 4 p.m., there will be a Rivermouth Walk at the Rivermouth Campground Amphitheater and at 11 p.m. there is a Campfire and Astronomy program at the Lower Falls Picnic Area.

Mondays: At 10 p.m., there will be a Tahquamenon's Treasures program at the Lower Falls Amphitheater

Tuesdays: There will be a Bear Den Hike at 7 p.m. starting at the Lower Falls Campground Office. * Wednesdays: There will be a Birds, Beaks and Binoculars pro-

gram at the Rivermouth Campground Amphitheater at 7 p.m. Thursdays: There will be a River Hunt program at the Lower Falls Picnic Area at 7 p.m.

* Fridays: The evening starts with a 7 p.m. program called Bogs, Frogs and Pollywogs that meets at the Lower Falls Campground Of-fice. At 10 p.m., there will be a Watchable Wildlife program at the Lower Falls Amphitheater and at 10:15 p.m., there will be a Night Hike starting at the Rivermouth Campground Amphitheater. * Saturdays: The evening starts at 7 p.m. with two programs - Leave

It to Beaver at the Lower Falls Picnic Area and a Pond Hike starting at the Rivermouth Campground Amphitheater. At 10:15 p.m., there will be a Creatures of the Night program at the Lower Falls Picnic Area. The programs are free, but a 2006 Motor Vehicle Permit is required

to enter the park. Permits are \$6 for a daily and \$24 for an annual permit for Michigan residents, and \$8 for a daily and \$29 for an annual permit for nonresidents. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information on the programs, visitors should check the dis-play boards around the park or they can call 906-492-3415. -----

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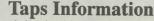
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There is a myth about the origin of Taps that is circulating about the Internet The true story is that in July 1862, after the Seven Days battles at Harrison's Landing (near Richmond), Virginia, the wounded Com-mander of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, V Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, General Daniel Butterfield reworked, with his bugler Oliver Wilcox Norton, another bugle call, "Scott Tattoo," to create Taps. He thought that the regular call for Lights Out was too formal. Taps was adopted throughout the Army of the Potomac and finally confirmed by orders. Soon other Union units began using Taps, and even a few Confederate units began using it as well. After the war, Taps became an of-ficial bugle call. Col. James A. Moss, in his Officer's Manual first published in 1911, gives an account of the initial use of Taps at a military

"During the Peninsular Campaign in 1862, a soldier of Tidball's Bat-tery A of the 2nd Artillery was buried at a time when the battery occupied an advanced position concealed in the woods. It was unsafe to fire the customary three volleys over the grave, on account of the proximity of the enemy, and it occurred to Capt. Tidball that the sounding of Taps would be the most appropriate ceremony that could be substituted.

More about the true history of Taps can be found at: 24 Notes That Tap Deep Emotions and at Military District of Washington Fact Sheet: Origins of "Taps".

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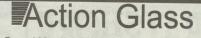
(Note: there are no "official" words to Taps below are the most popular.)

> Day is done, gone the sun, From the hills, from the lake. From the skies All is well. safely rest. God is nigh.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep, May the soldier or sailor, God keep. On the land or the deep, Safe in sleep Love, good night, Must thou go, When the day, And the night Need thee so? All is well. Speedeth all To their rest

Fades the light; And afar Goeth day, And the stars Shineth bright, Fare thee well; Day has gone, Night is on.

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